

REPORT OF THE WELFARE OFFICER

We continue to serve the needs of citizens. At this time we want to recognize the caregivers who provide their services to our senior citizens, you are all much appreciated. We are grateful to Alton Community Services Program , Mrs. Santa, American Legion Post 76, the volunteers and the area churches. And we appreciate the charitable agencies, the school back-packs fundraiser, organizations, banks, utilities and our local businesses, schools and individuals who have contributed gifts of food, clothing, and other donations. We thank you all for your generosity.

I wish to acknowledge Russell Bailey and Deputy Welfare Officer, Paulette Wentworth for their help. And to all my fellow employees, my very sincere thanks for your support and encouragement during this past year.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Housing	\$15,802.16
Food	2,328.40
Utilities	4,846.60
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 3,088.53</u>

TOTAL	\$26,065.69
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Heidke Trust Fund	\$37,349.55
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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Welfare Officer
E. Russell Bailey, Welfare Director
Paulette Wentworth, Deputy Welfare Officer

REPORT OF OPERATION BLESSINGS

Operation Blessings was established eight years ago to provide needy families of Alton with Thanksgiving food baskets. These baskets contain a turkey and all the “fixins” for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. I also provided senior citizens with fruit baskets.

In 2004 we were able to help as many as 45 families and 21 senior citizens. I am still always amazed at the generosity of the townfolks of Alton. We had 32 contributions this year.

I would like to thank Sheri, my deputy, for all her help and everyone for their generosity and the time and effort that was put into this special project. Thank you to the drivers, for delivering these baskets. Your assistance was again a big help and greatly appreciated. Hope to see you next year for another successful endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette M. Wentworth, Chairperson